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Subject: Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability Report on Recommended Minimum Technical Requirements for Interoperability

Dear Mr. Furth and Mr. Mathias:

I am very pleased to submit to you a report from the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability. This report contains the Board's recommended minimum technical requirements to ensure interoperability within the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN), fulfilling the statutory requirements placed upon the Board by Title VI of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

I would also like to compliment Chairman Genachowski and his staff for assembling a truly exceptional team of professionals to take on what many believed to be an unachievable task given the complexity of the subject and the strictly constrained timeline. The Board is confident that these minimum technical requirements establish a sound foundation for the NPSBN.

I believe that the constraints of the Act greatly limited the Board's ability to recommend requirements, based on the experience of its members, that are critical to success in a network deployment of this magnitude. I personally believe that the NPSBN has missed a great opportunity to capitalize on a uniquely qualified team of experts by only requesting the minimum from them. However, as a result of the work of this talented, multi-disciplinary team over the last several weeks, we also have generated a number of recommended considerations the Board believes essential for ensuring interoperability, but that did not qualify as minimum requirements. These recommended considerations are included in the report to aid others who now take up the baton to ensure nationwide interoperability.

On behalf of all of the members of the Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability, I thank you for the opportunity to serve this great Country and those who keep it safe.

Respectfully,

Charles L. K. Robinson